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FM AMEMBASSY ALGIERS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1753

AMEMBASSY RABAT

AMEMBASSY TUNIS

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SUBJ: AKERS AND AGATT VISIT

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1. ALGIERS PROBABLY GROWING, IF SMALL, MARKET FOR SOYBEANS. VISIT BY AKERS AND AGATT TO REVIEW SOYBEAN MARKET WOULD BE USEFUL AND WELCOMED BY EMBASSY. TRIP OUTLINED REFTTEL A PARA 4 MAKES GOOD SENSE AS IT TRAVERSES MUCH OF ALGERIAN CEREAL PRODUCING FARMLAND. HOWEVER, IF TRIP IS TO BE MADE, SUGGEST ADEQUATE TIME INCLUDING 2-3 DAYS IN ALGIERS, A DAY IN ORAN AND 2 DAYS ALGIERS TO TUNIS. EMBASSY VERY TIED UP WITH OFFICIAL VISITS UNTIL MID-FEBRUARY. DUE TO HOTEL ROOM SCARCITIES WE NEED AS MUCH ADVANCE WARNING AS POSSIBLE.

2. EMBOFF DROVE THROUGH CENTRAL AND EASTERN ALGERIA ON JANUARY 18-20 AND RAN INTO RAIN AND SNOW, BUT DROUGHT WOULD NOT BE SAID TO HAVE BROKEN. CROPS ARE LATE AND FIELDS IN POOR SHAPE. EVEN AFTER LIGHT RAIN BARIKA AREA SHROUDED IN BLOWING DUST. BY MID-FEBRUARY ACCURATE FORECAST OF CROPS SHOULD BE ABLE TO BE MADE BY EXPERT VISIT.

3. EMBASSY DOES NOT UNDERSTAND ADVICE TO LIMIT TRAVEL IN ALGERIA. THERE IS NO VISIBLE HOSTILITY HERE TOWARDS AMERICANS, MUCH GOOD WILL, AND A GREAT DEAL TO BE DONE

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